

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 560

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bobby Lloyd Prater of Morrison.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Bobby Lloyd Prater; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prater was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a 1947 graduate of McMinnville Central High School, Mr. Prater served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of Magnetek Century Electric. In 1992, he retired after thirty-two years of service to that company, during which time he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an ardent and faithful public servant, Mr. Prater was a founding member of the Morrison Fire Department. He served as that organization's Fire Chief for over half a century and in 1983, was honored as that department's Fireman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prater served as secretary/treasurer for Sunny Acres Children's Home for many years, and in 2002, he was recognized as the Morrison Ruritan Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, he was a dominant figure in local government, having served as alderman, vice mayor, and mayor of his hometown at different points in time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prater was an active and devout member of the Morrison Church of Christ, which he faithfully served as an elder for over twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prater was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prater enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Gladys Young Prater, each day of their sixty-two year marriage, and their two children, Pam and Jeff; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his grandchildren Cain Prater and Chelsey Grissom, great-grandson Aiden, and a host of extended family members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prater leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bobby Lloyd Prater, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Prater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.